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Idaho Milk Production up 8.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during February 2006 totaled 795 million pounds, an 8.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 71 million pounds from January 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for January 2006 totaled 866 million pounds, down 14 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 8.5 percent above January 2005. Average milk production per cow in February 2006 was 1,680 pounds, down 150 pounds from January 2006, but unchanged from February 2005. The average number of milk cows during February was 473,000 head, unchanged from January 2006, but up 36,000 head from February 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 5.9 percent from February 2005. January production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 5.5 percent from January 2005. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,588 pounds for February, 66 pounds above February 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.21 million head, 121,000 head more than February 2005, and 118,000 head more than January 2005.

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